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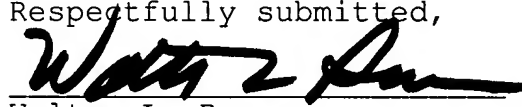
Claims 1-9, 12 and 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Hart. Claims 10-11 and 17 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has modified the specification on page 6 and has modified the claims to demonstrate the retractable arms of the tongue lock. No new matter has been inserted.

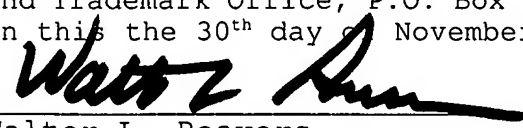
Accordingly, applicant believes with the changes made to the claims that all remaining claims as now presented are in condition for allowance over the prior art of Hart whether such art is considered under §102 or under §103. Claim allowance is therefore earnestly solicited at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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